

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 9th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM #2, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	James D. Politis	-Chair
	William H. Brown	-Vice Chair
	Mary W. Biggs	-Supervisors
	Gary D. Creed	
	Matthew R. Gabriele	
	Annette S. Perkins	
	Christopher A. Tuck	
	F. Craig Meadows	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Deputy County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Vickie L. Swinney	-Secretary, Board of Supervisors
	John Edwards	-State Senator
	Larry "Nick" Rush	-House of Delegates
	Joseph Yost	-House of Delegates

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed the State Legislators and representatives. The purpose of the meeting was to hold discussions with State Legislators regarding 2014 legislative priorities.

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors Legislative Priorities

Chair Politis thanked the legislators for the opportunity to address issues of concerns for Montgomery County. Of particular concern to Montgomery County is the continued shift of state responsibilities to localities through mandating services without full or partial funding, along with what has become an annual reduction of state funding to localities, whether the dollars are generated at the state or local levels. Another major concern is the Virginia Stormwater Management Program mandate. The Board requests that changes to the regulations to adjust the land disturbance threshold not in the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act area be increased to 5 acres or more for single family homes or other small building projects. This modification would remove these types of projects from unreasonable regulatory impact.

A copy of the 2014 Legislative Priorities adopted by the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors for consideration during the upcoming General Assembly session was distributed. Montgomery County's legislative priorities are as follows:

- ***Ending Unfunded Mandates on Local Government*** by reducing state mandates in proportion to state revenue reductions. Also, shifting the delivery of state services such as transportation should end. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECONDARY ROADS SHOULD NOT BE SHIFTED TO LOCALITIES.**
- ***Ending Future State Funding Reductions*** in the two areas where the state has served as a partner with local government: public education and public safety.
- ***Strengthening the Diversity of Local Revenues by Sharing Income Taxes or Other Revenue Sources in Support of Local Services*** by distributing a percentage of individual income tax revenues, providing the authority to levy a local income tax, or allowing other sources to generate revenue locally for locally delivered services.
- ***Strengthening the County's Revenue Base by Enacting Equal Taxing Authority*** by eliminating the distinction in the taxing authority of Virginia's cities and counties.
- ***Recognizing the State's Role in Funding Quality Education*** by fully funding the state Standards of Quality (SOQ), basing teacher pay raises on actual positions, not just SOQ.
- ***Ensuring 100% of Administrative Funds for the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA)*** and increasing state matching share for all CSA costs.
- ***Providing State Funding for 100% of the Costs of Optical Scan Voting Machines, 100% of the Costs of Electronic Pollbooks and 100% of the Operating Costs of the Electoral Board/General Registrar.***
- ***Increasing State Aid to Library System*** and ensuring no new cuts in state aid to the library system.
- ***Processing and Marketing of Industrial Hemp*** Montgomery County supports efforts by all levels of government to allow cultivation, processing and marketing of industrial hemp.
- ***Mandatory Water and Sewer Connections*** Montgomery County requests legislation adding Montgomery County to the list of counties who can require mandatory water and sewer connections pursuant to the authority contained in Section 15.2-2110 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended.

- ***Eliminate Split Voting Precincts in Montgomery County*** Montgomery County requests that technical adjustments be made to the boundaries of House Districts 7, 8, and 12 in Montgomery County in order to eliminate split voting precincts in Montgomery County

Each Board member had the opportunity to speak on issues or concerns they had and the State Legislators were given the opportunity to address the Board on their thoughts.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

APPROVED _____	ATTEST: _____
James D. Politis	F. Craig Meadows
Chair	County Administrator